

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3733

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09955.0025-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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<b>Fredéric SGIER et al.</b>	)	Group Art Unit: 3733
	)	
Application No.: 10/766,911	)	Examiner: Shaffer, Richard R.
	)	
Filed: January 30, 2004	)	Confirmation No.: 4613
	)	
For: <b>VERTEBRAL ARTHRODESIS</b>	)	
<b>DEVICE</b>	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

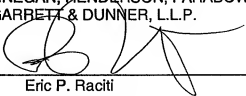
Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time to file a reply to the Final Office Action dated September 3, 2008, the period for response to which has been extended through January 5, 2009 (January 3 being a Saturday). A fee of \$65.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: January 5, 2009

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